

Flynt Returned To Ohio, Feels 'Pretty Good'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—Hustler magazine owner Larry Flynt, partially paralyzed by a gunman's bullet, returned to his hometown yesterday for further treatment at Ohio State University Hospital.

"I feel pretty good," said Flynt, in reply to questions from the news media as he was wheeled on a stretcher into the hospital. He looked alert and smiled.

Flynt was flown to Columbus from Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, and was moved into a private room on the seventh floor.

Flynt's wife, Althea, and his brother, Jimmy, met the airplane at the university's Don Scott Field.

They drove to the airport in Flynt's red Rolls Royce, and were allowed to go to the landing area, although the news media were kept about 400 yards away from the plane.

The ambulance carrying Flynt was escorted to the hospital by three police cruisers.

A spokesman at the university hospital said Flynt's condition was "stable" and that extensive tests would be run on him as soon as possible.

Flynt will at first be treated by Dr. Robert Zollinger of the OSU department of surgery and then will be transferred to the care of Dr. Ernest Johnson, head of the department of rehabilitative medicine at OSU.

Johnson said Flynt will eventually be transferred to Dodd Hall, a portion of the university hospital which is a center for physical rehabilitation.

"Larry Flynt had a good trip and is resting in his room fairly comfortably," said Dr. Manuel Tzagournis, associate dean of the OSU College of Medicine and director of the hospital.

Officials at Emory University Hospital refused to give out details of the flight, and a spokesman said officials were concerned for Flynt's security.

Flynt was shot on a downtown street corner on March 6 in Lawrenceville, Ga., and is paralyzed from the hips down.

Flynt and his attorney, Gene Reeves, were shot during a break in his trial on an obscenity charge.

Reeves has been released from a Lawrenceville hospital.

There have been no arrests in the shootings.